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permission to the parties concerned if they so desire, none of the 54 applicants has been given permission to cultivate cultivable waste lands belonging to private landlords?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, lands can be allotted under this category under section 52 of the Malabar Tenancy Act and also under the Madras Private Forests Preservation Act. Certain conditions and rules have to be followed in this matter. These applications do not come under that category, Sir.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Is it not a fact, Sir, that under section 3 of the Preservation of Private Forests Act of the State, private 'poonam' cultivators can be given permission by the Collector to cultivate and if so why was not action taken in this connexion? 8-40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : As regards poonam cultivation, rule 5 says only lands which have been under poonam or kumri cultivation within ten years prior to the year in which they are sought to be cultivated could be allotted.

Flood havoc in Kasaragod

* 2433 *Q*.— SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Hon. the Chief Minister received a memorandum on 22nd November 1953 from the fishermen of Kasaragod, Adukkath Vayal, South Kanara, requesting the Government to take steps to cut a bar in Chandragiri river so as to prevent devastation of houses and properties which take place every year owing to floods ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) Representations in regard to the matter were received.

(*b*) The Government ordered cutting open the bar. The excavation of the bar was done to a width of 10 feet, but the bar has begun to move to the south and it is considered that no remedial measures are necessary now. Further measures if any required can be taken only on actual observations during the monsoon.

Venkataramayya Award

* 2434 *Q*.—SRI K. T. RAJU (on behalf of Sri P. Jeevanandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether any of the recommendations of the Venkataramayya Award have been implemented in the Government Transport, Madras?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : The award of the Industrial Tribunal (Sri M. Venkataramayya) constituted in 1947

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when the Government Bus Service was not in existence, to adjudicate in the Industrial dispute between the workers and managements of certain motor transport services and motor transport workshops in the State did not bind the Government legally in so far as State Transport workers were concerned. Nevertheless the Government took steps in 1948 itself to liberalize the terms of service of the workers in the Government Bus Service in keeping with the general lines of the recommendations of the award but consistent with the general conditions of services under Government in other Departments. The conditions of service of the workers of the Government Transport have been further liberalized from time to time and it is an acknowledged fact that they are much better than those obtaining under the private operators.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : இந்த வெங்கடராமய்யா தீர்ப்புப்படி தனிப்பட்ட முதலாளிகளின் கீழ் வேலை செய்யும் தொழிலாளிகளின் சம்பளத்துக்கும் கவர்ன்மெண்ட் ட்ரான்ஸ்போர்ட் தொழிலாளர்களின் சம்பளத்துக்கும் பாகுபாடு இருப்பதாகத் தெரியவருகிறது. தனிப்பட்ட முதலாளிகளின் கீழ் வேலை செய்யும் தொழிலாளிகளைவிட கவர்ன்மெண்ட் ட்ரான்ஸ்போர்ட் தொழிலாளிகளுக்கு சம்பள விகிதம், லீவு வசதி முதலியவைகள் அதிகமாக இருப்பதாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். அவைகள் எந்த விதத்தில் அதிகமாக இருக்கிறது என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா ?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : தனிக் கேள்வி கேட்டால் அதற்கு பதில் சொல்கிறேன்.

SRI S. RAMALINGAM : வெங்கட்டராமய்யா தீர்ப்புப் பிரகாரம் சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்று தெரிந்து கொள்வதற்காக சர்க்கார் ட்ரான்ஸ்போர்ட் தொழிலாளர்களின் சம்பளம் 'சர்விஸ் கண்டிஷன்' இவைகளைப்பற்றி ஒரு அறிக்கையை மேஜைமீது வைப்பார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : அது யோசிக்கப்படும்.

SRI M. P. SUBRAMANIAM : The Hon. Minister was stating that the award is for the workers on certain bus services. Is it not applicable to all bus services, whether private or State owned?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : It is not applicable. At any rate the Government took steps to apply as far as possible the recommendations of the Tribunal.

Construction of a road from Kandalur in the main trunk road

* 2435 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have under consideration the construction of a road $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles long from Kandalur and Pullipakkam n the main trunk road, Chingleput, at $33\frac{1}{2}$ miles;

(b) the estimated cost of constructing the road ($1\frac{1}{2}$ miles) from Kandalur ; and

(c) under which scheme the construction of the road may be taken up?